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FOREWORD

For nearly two decades, the College of Social Work has hosted doctoral symposia that have enriched the profession by disseminating the highest quality research in the profession. On April 14, 2000, The Ohio State University College of Social Work hosted its Twelfth National Symposium on Doctoral Research. These Proceedings showcase the dissertation research presented here.

Dr. Michael Sherraden, the Benjamin E. Youngdahl Professor of Social Development at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, presented a compelling keynote address. Entitled "Asking Questions Well: The Role of Theory in Applied Social Research," Dr. Sherraden emphasizes the critical, but oft misunderstood, role of theory as it influences the practice of social work. Dr. Sherraden's engaging talk was attended by more than two hundred enthusiastic students, faculty, and social work practitioners.

Ten recent Ph.D. recipients were also invited to share their outstanding research at the symposium. The presenters are recent graduates of social work doctoral programs throughout the country. As the abstracts in these Proceedings indicate, their dissertation research represents a broad spectrum of problems, themes, and methods, and will certainly serve as models for future scholarship, fostering knowledge building in the field of social work.

To all those who took part in the Twelfth National Symposium, we express our sincere thanks.

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